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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



All egg prices were generally unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was generally fair, and best when shipping into areas where features were a factor. Distributive movement was seasonally moderate with some improvement noted due to Lent. Supplies were fully adequate or available with some isolated spots of mediums reported tight. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher, with increases coming late in the week. Demand from breakers was mixed with some purchasing additional product beyond regular commitments in anticipation of a higher market. Offerings were uneven with the shell egg market showing some signs of firming. Most breaking plants running full schedules. Market tone was fully steady. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample. The market tone remained barely steady.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	102-104	93-95	68-70
New York	70-72	67-70	58-61
Philadelphia	68-70	66-68	57-58
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-60	50-51
Jackson (1)	70-71	67-68	59-60
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-81	65-79	55-69
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	49-54
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-59	47-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	57-62	56-60	46-51
Major Wisconsin Cities	60-67	58-65	49-56
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	75-78	73-75	62-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	78
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-99  
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	70.93	68.56	59.37
SOUTHERN	66.94	65.24	56.02
MIDWEST	60.91	59.63	50.34
WESTERN	85.70	81.97	72.52
TWELVE METRO AREAS	73.59	71.03	61.72

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-16-99	02-09-99	02-17-98
Large	39-41	39-41	40-42
Medium	29-31	29-31	21-23

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Feb. 15, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	8.0	4.9	6.6	9.2	38.3
	Change	1.0	-0.5	0.5	-0.7	-0.4	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	24.2	7.4	19.4	13.8	89.0
	Change	-2.3	2.5	-2.4	-1.2	-4.5	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	46.2	63.5	36.6	50.8	69.8	266.9
	Change	4.4	-11.2	-3.8	-7.8	-9.4	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.6	21.3	13.6	16.9	18.5	81.9
	Change	-1.0	1.5	-1.6	-0.5	0.4	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	7.9	3.0	4.7	9.9	29.8
	Change	1.4	-0.7	1.7	0.8	1.5	19%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.8	12.8	11.1	5.6	5.2	40.5
	Change	0.8	-0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.5	68.7	11.9	41.0	42.3	194.4
Total	Curr Wk	132.2	206.4	88.5	145.0	168.7	740.8
Percent	Change	5%	-3%	-7%	4%	-6%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	740.8	-2%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	416.7	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,157.5	0%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 13-Feb-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)			(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)		
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,012,341	22,676	9,996	5,851	2,689	3,222
PW	1,022,862	22,043	10,934	6,027	2,564	3,126
LY	1,044,616	22,738	11,200	6,094	2,926	3,352
% PW	-1	3	-9	-3	5	3
% LY	-3	0	-11	-4	-8	-4
1999	6,149,586	138,387	60,694	34,575	15,844	19,504
1998	6,134,700	131,877	66,242	36,377	17,101	20,155
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS		LAST		
	WEEK	WEEK		YEAR		
	41.24	41.19		41.53		

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 13-Feb-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	246.7	-1	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	440.2	3	2
W.N. CENTRAL	242.6	8	5
S. ATLANTIC	207.5	3	-2
S. CENTRAL	80.1	1	11
WEST	218.5	-3	-1
TOTAL	1,435.6	2	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		100	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Feb 6	Feb 13	Feb 6	Feb 13
	Thousand			
AL	26,864	26,857	19,188	19,150
AR	29,629	30,352	22,618	24,105
DE	4,533	4,576	4,496	5,561
FL	2,807	2,981	2,413	2,215
GA	*30,992	31,628	*24,472	24,558
MD	8,626	8,817	6,473	4,972
MS	18,026	18,012	14,856	14,090
NC	17,650	17,715	13,243	13,558
PA	*3,629	3,605	*2,828	2,731
SC	4,955	4,478	4,148	3,207
TX	13,160	13,313	10,063	10,126
VA	6,653	6,663	5,245	5,205
CA, TN, & WV	*10,561	10,688	9,484	10,217
15 State Total	*178,085	179,685	*139,527	139,695
Previous Year	170,408	174,355	137,696	136,804
Pct. of Prev.	105	103	101	102

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-Mar-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 147.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.29 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/11/99-02/17/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	44.83	—	44.75	46.71	47.50	48.66	42.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	44.00	46.75	10.00
GNR W 3	—	—	41.00	42.00	38.50	41.00	6.00
GL W XL	—	—	52.50	55.10	51.11	—	15.25
GL W LG	48.50	52.00	49.00	51.25	50.13	—	17.50
GL W MD	—	42.50	42.00	43.50	—	—	11.00
GL W SM	33.00	34.00	30.29	33.73	32.75	—	6.50
NRBS - 50	38.00	39.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	37.50	39.50	—	36.00	32.07	35.73	44.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	40.50	—	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 13-Feb-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.4	36.0	-18	-8
BOSTON	9.7	9.8	-1	-13
CHICAGO	68.3	43.2	58	50
DETROIT	32.4	32.4	0	16
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	86.1	87.6	-2	-5
NEW ORLEANS	14.4	11.1	30	37
NEW YORK	45.5	40.4	13	-2
ST. LOUIS	1.5	1.5	0	-25
SAN FRANCISCO	21.3	21.8	-2	8
TOTAL	308.7	283.9	9	8
4 WK MVG AVG	296.7			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 06-Feb-98

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,530	38	5,568
AVGWT	0.00	25.94	26.29	25.94
LAST WEEK	0	3,803	43	3,846
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,258	8	4,266
AVGWT	0.00	28.35 (A)	26.25	28.35
TO-DATE/1999	0	22,777 (A)	137	22,914
TO-DATE/1998	8	24,538 (A)	163	24,709

(A) Includes 76,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 86,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS** BY  
GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 06-Feb-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	1,252	133	22.49	NONE	NONE	1,252	22.49
S ATL	631	-5	28.80	(A)	(A)	649	28.71
N CENT	2,607	62	29.89	(A)	(A)	2,625	29.87
S CENT	806	20	16.71	NONE	NONE	806	16.71
WEST	234	-26	24.38	(A)	(A)	236	24.42
U.S.TOTAL	5,530(B)	45	25.94	0	38	5,568	25.94
TO DATE							
1999	22,777(B)			0	137	22,914	
TO DATE							
1998	24,538(B)			8	163	24,709	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 6,000 for the year 76,000; last year to date 86,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 13-Feb-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,347(A)	2,258	1,236	3,494	468
AVGWT	4.97	3.36	7.87	4.96	6.61
LAST WEEK	151,623	2,159	1,245	3,404	451
YR AGO	141,557	2,204	1,247	3,451	415
AVGWT	4.93	3.32	7.54	4.84	6.75
TO-DATE/1999	906,867	13,500	7,930	21,430	2,930
TO-DATE/1998	877,995	12,420	7,587	20,007	2,689

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.2 million head or 2.2 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Feb-20

	CURRENT WEEK 20-Feb(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 13-Feb
CLASS----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	148,184 (2)	153,501
LT HENS	2,140	2,373
HVY HENS	1,352	1,240
CHECK TOTAL	151,676	157,114

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Feb is 152.6 million head compared to 143.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.0 million head or 2.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 27-Feb the estimated available is 151.2 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 9	157.2	144.0	109	4.89
16	157.5	147.4	107	5.10
23	146.0	150.3	97	5.03
30	151.5	151.0	100	4.99
FEBRUARY 6	153.5	149.4	103	5.07
13	152.2	150.0	101	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	917.9	892.1	103	
FEBRUARY 20		152.6		
27		151.2		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
15-Feb-99	08-Feb-99	08-Feb-99	16-Feb-98
58.16	-0.29	58.45	57.51
NUMBER OF LOADS	606		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 2/15-2/20/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	47.00-51.00	49.73	51	51.85	79	
Los Angeles	66.00	65.16	65	63.40	110	
New York	49.00-53.00	52.69	50	57.96	87	

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	55.5-62	55.5-56	55.75	240
CENTRAL REGION 4/	56-61	56.5	56.50	19.2
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	58-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 15-Feb-99	2,617	113,044	79,015
AM 1-Feb-99	2,639	106,151	79,706
CHG	-22	6,893	-691
PCT CHG	-1	6	-1

**HEN MARKETS**

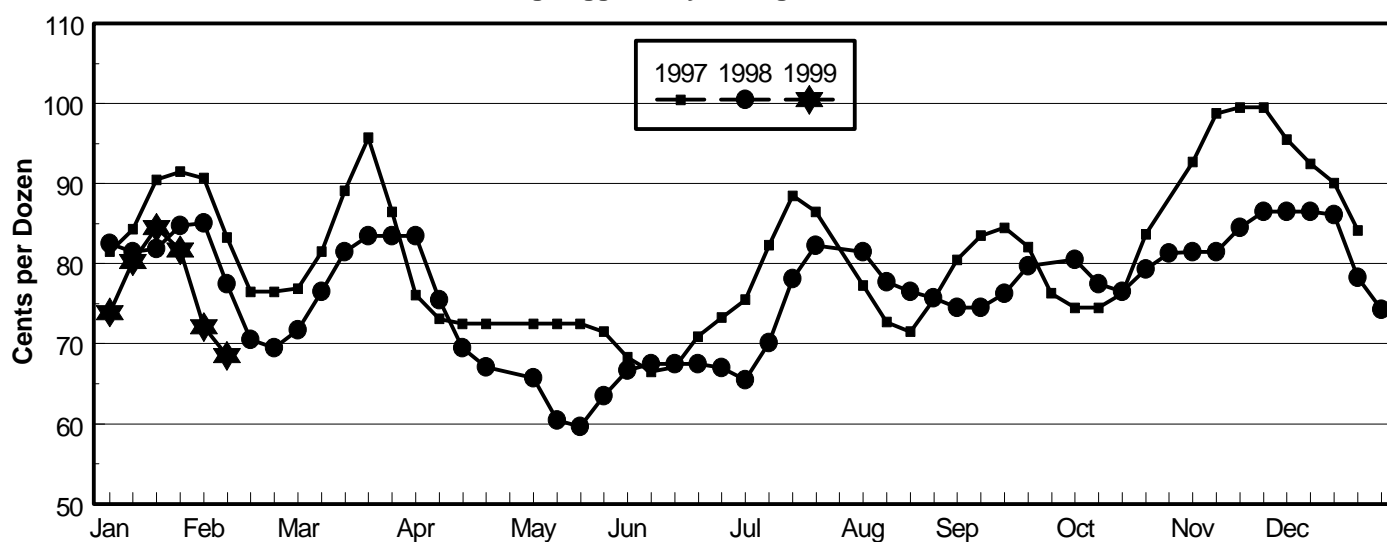
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
2/15/99			
Southeast Heavy	15-22(1)	16.75-20.5	18.16
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-20	19.71
2/12/99			
Eastern Light	1-3(1)	1-1.5	
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	2(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

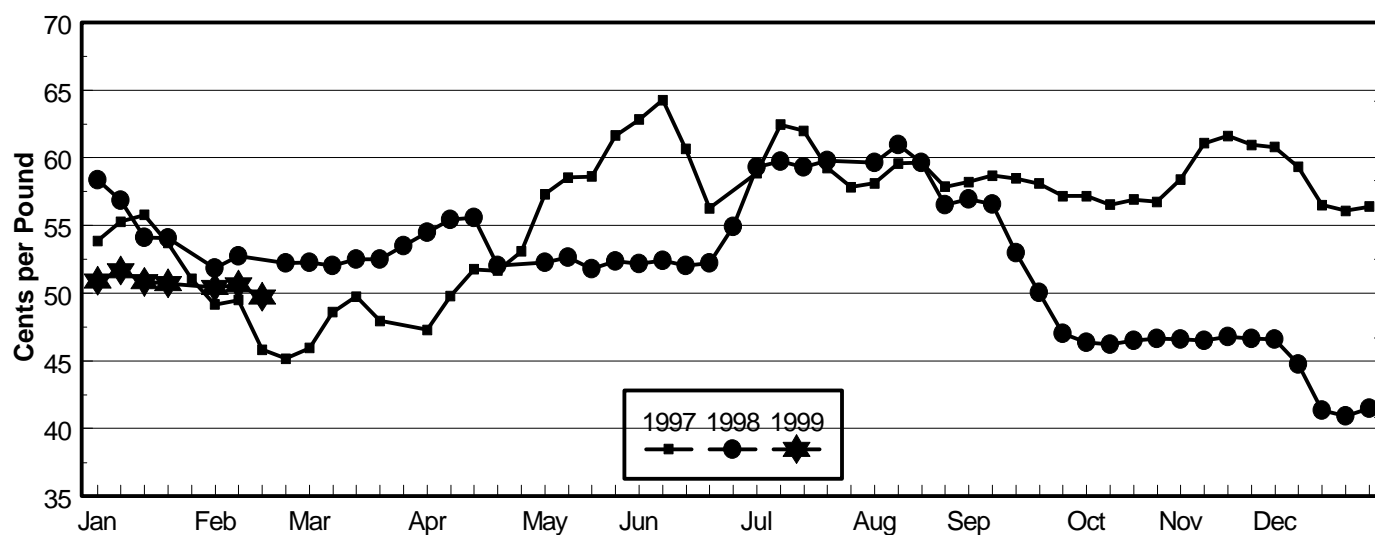
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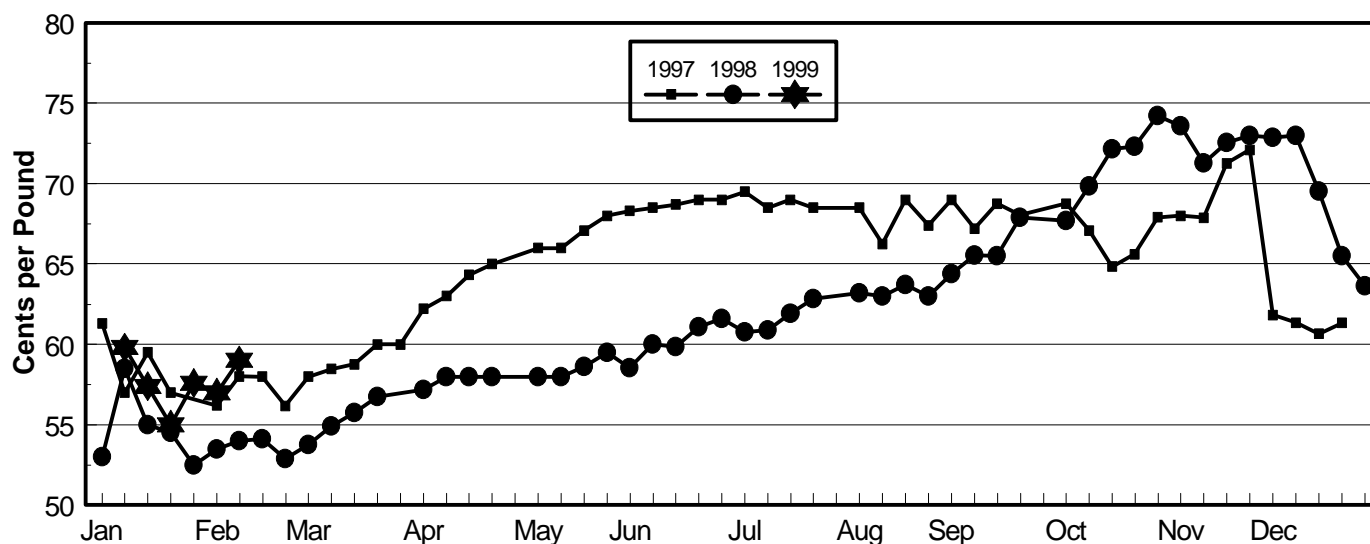
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.